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Official Journal of the Wellesley Amateur Radio Society

As I sit down to type out the Spark Gap this month, I am not sure as to when it will be delivered to your door. Due to the emergency conditions that have faced us between the end of January and the February snowstorms, I have but four days to start and finish this edition before the deadline. On top of this we are still act- in the Civil Defense effort, so please bear with us.

The thing to talk about is the big Snowstorm of February 6th and 7th which has, once again, proven the mettle of the Amateur Radio Service. Beginning at about 3:00 P.M. on Monday the 6th, snow accompanied with northeast winds at hurricane force, entered the area. At the same time we were due for the highest tides of the month, due to the phase of the moon. Our problem was twofold, we had the snow which brought visibility down to zero practically and the sea, fanned by those winds which built up waves to 30 and 40 feet in height rushing down on our coastline.

You all know the story of its destruction and the havoc caused on the roads. The sea caused the most damage, but through the efforts of all the services, our fatalities were kept to a minimum as emergency shelters were opened, volunteer hams manned their Civilian Defense nets and helped in just about any way they could. Some lost their lives, like the crew of the rescue vessel "CAN DO", skippered by Frank Quirk, who was a ham himself. With his radar and ship radio knocked out, he

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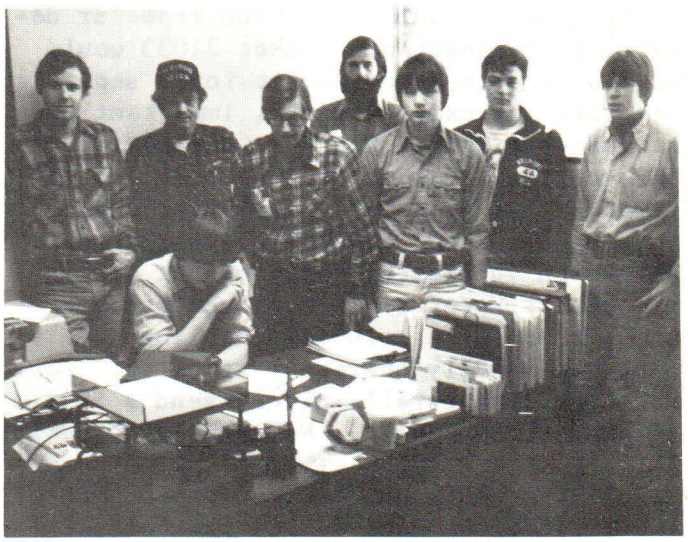
was in contact with the Salem Repeater on his walkie until moments before his ship went down. They were trying to give assistance to a tanker in Salem Harbor that had run aground in the storm.

For a full week, around the clock, radio amateurs gave of their time and talents. At times tempers flared a little, indicating the exhaustion of the volunteers, but for the most times it was a well coordinated effort. Those of you who did volunteer, have a right to be proud of your part, no matter how big or small it was. The fact is that you upheld the tradition of Ham Radio as set forth by those who have gone on before us, and to be carried on by those who will follow us.



We, of the Wellesley Amateur Radio Society, set up operations at the club station during the first part of the storm sending help wherever it was the most needed. Once the storm was over, we moved down to the Newton-Wellesley Hospital to shuttle hospital personnel back and forth as necessary. To city any one person individually would be hard to do since there were so many involved, but to the best of my recollection, from Wellesley we had W1TTY, WA1HVS, WA1JIR, WA1PQY, WA1YOJ, WA1YHT, WB1BUQ, WA1DZX, WB1ECJ, WB1BVN, WA1TAK, WA1GXN, WA1LJB, WB1FCU, WA1TBY,

MEETINGS THIS MONTH:
March 2nd and March 16 at 7:30 PM

Intermediate Bldg., Wellesley Hills, Mass.

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WA1ZCQ, WA1TAM, K1BSO, WA1ZLO, WA1ZLQ, K1GFH, WA1RGA, WA1TUX, WA1YSW, K1FB, K1PS, WA1TWK, WA1RSV, K1KEC, K1UN, K1UR, K1NDF, WB1BUP, WB1ELQ, WA1CDW, WB1BUT, WA1ZXR, WA1WWY, WB1ELD, WA1WDE, WA1IDA, WA1KQH and WA1NZC. (I hope I haven't overlooked anyone, but if so, please inform the editor so you can get mention in the next issue.)

To everyone involved with this effort throughout the entire area, a WELL DONE to all.

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OFFICIAL BULLETIN

NR 690 from ARRL HQ FEB. 2, 1978

Individuals and clubs wishing to put a new repeater on the air may be confused by FCC's delay in untangling the repeater deregulation question. Docket 21033 would have lifted the requirement for a separate repeater license. However, important questions have caused the FCC to reconsider this action. Because of the stay in implementation, repeater rules in effect before Docket 21033 are the present rules. Though an interested party cannot obtain his own repeater license at the present time, there is a solution enabling the party to legally operate a repeater. For the pertinent details please send a SASE to ARRL, 225 Main St., Newington, Ct. 06111

NR 692 from ARRL HQ, Feb. 10, 1978

On Wednesday Feb. 8, FCC took action in Docket 21135 to abolish the licensing of secondary and special events stations. No action concerning the disposition of club, military recreation, and RACES stations was taken at this time. However, the Commission adopted a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking concerning the revision of eligibility criteria and processing procedures for these types of licenses. Also, an immediate freeze was imposed on the acceptance of applications for new club, military recreation, and RACES station licenses. Modifications and renewals will still be accepted. Present secondary station licenses will be valid until the end of their terms, and procedures will be set up to allow licensees to switch their primary and secondary call signs should they prefer their primary and secondary call signs should they prefer to keep their secondary call. The effective

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date of the action is not yet known, but will be no sooner than March 13. AR

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NEW CLUB MEMBERS

We continue to grow so we would like you to meet our newest members.

Ted Tannozzini, K1ZQW, Gerry Manktelow, WB1FZV, Frank Brewer, WB1GCU, Pete Bradley WB1GDF, Mike Palumbo WB1GEE, Carl Achin WA1ZCQ, Pete Stonberg K1PS, Irving Geller WA1CDW, Dr. Philip Smith, Karen Smith, and George D. Knight. We welcome you to the club and if you have a name identification badge, it would be nice if you wore wore it at the meetings so we can meet you personally. For those of you who do not have a call sign please let us know when you do so we can place it alongside your name in the club roster.

"New Tickets"

George Young WA1YAU, has his general ticket. Dale Mackay WB1BUT, recently got his Technician's ticket. There may be more upgrades this month but none have come to my attention, probably due to the storm emergency. So for you two guys, our sincerest CONGRATULATIONS.

OOPS! Just remembered that C.J. McDonald WB1BUM, upped his ticket to that of Technician. (Sorry about that C.J.!)

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CD ACTIVITIES

On January 29th the Wellesley Club held its Simulated Emergency Test. (SET). This exercise occurs once a year to keep ourselves 'sharp' if an emergency should occur and boy did it ever come in handy as you all well know. The test was coordinated by John Turell WA1ZLO who is our Emergency Coordinator for the town of Wellesley.

The test itself consisted of a simulated train wreck with dangers of natural gas leakage. This was unknown to the activity participants until the assignments were passed out at 10:00 A.M., in order to learn to cope with things as they arose. Dave Smith K1BSO, served very ably as the NCS. The 'disaster' was handled with good efficiency.

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Official Journal of the Wellesley Amateur Radio Society

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF, JAMES W. HATHERLEY

THE "SPARK GAP" IS A MONTHLY PUBLICATION OF THE WELLESLEY AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY. ITS SOLE PURPOSE IS TO KEEP ITS MEMBERS ABREAST OF CURRENT HAPPENINGS, F.C.C. RULES & REGULATIONS CHANGES AND TO LIST EQUIPMENT OFFERED FOR SALE OR TRADE BY MEMBERS. MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO CONTRIBUATE TO THE SPARK GAP AND MAY SEND THEIR ARTICLES (TYPEWRITTEN IF POSSIBLE) TO THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF OR TO THE CLUB ADDRESS.

THE WELLESLEY AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY IS A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO THE PROMOTION OF AMATEUR RADIO THROUGH INSTRUCTION, FELLOWSHIP, DEMONSTRATION AND ENCOURAGED PARTICIPATION. ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP IN THE SOCIETY-$5.00. CLUB YEAR RUNNS FROM SEPTEMBER 1 - JUNE 30. AMATEUR NOVICE AND GENERAL CLASSES ARE CONDUCTED REGULARLY AT NO COST. TO ENROLL IN A CLASS OR GAIN INFORMATION ABOUT THE SOCIETY IN GENERAL, WRITE THE WELLESLEY AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY,
324 WASHINGTON STREET
WELLESLEY HILLS, MASS 02181

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DXing

Due to the fact that our columnist for DXing is out in California, it was pretty hard for him to get a column together so being one of interest, I thought I would inject a few tidbits of information in this area.

First of all, the propogation for the month of February was short of fabulous, with many countries in Europe, Africa and the Pacific coming in well on 10 meters. The Solar Flux readings went up as high as 140. For you newcomers, the Solar Flux number is determined by the sun spots, the more sunspots, the better the number. The higher the number, the better the propogation. There are other readings associated with this but I will let them go until the right time when someone who understands it better than I, can give you a more accurate account of the Solar Indexes.

As a result of this good propogation, all the bands were in excellent shape and many new countries were worked by many.

DXing.....CONT'D...

The CLIPPERTON DXPEDITION is shaping up nicely for late in March, with a preliminary roster of seven French and three Swiss operators plus probably several Americans. Equipment and transportation are both set with departure from San Diego tentatively scheduled about March 14; operation is planned for March 20-27 on 160 through 10 meters plus OSCAR. Contributions to help offset the heavy trip expenses can be sent c/o WA9INK/6, Charles Signer, 2120 28th St. Sacramento, Cal. 95818. This will be a rare country for you DXers as there hasn't been a ham on that island for about 20 yrs or so. Clipperton Island lies south of Guadalajara, Mexico and west of Guatemala in the Pacific Ocean. Their call prefix is FO8, so watch out for this one on the bands during the week of March 20-27.

Harmonics About Town

Chad Johnson, WA1YHT, is sporting his new 2 meter rig, a Kenwood TR-7400 around. We used this rig during the recent emergency and it was really something special.

Dick Magnanti WB1BUQ, suffering from a case of laryngitis, still managed to get out into the snow emergency to do his part by NCSing the 96/36 repeater from the Newton-Wellesley Hospital. He did a great job too.

Glenn Brodie WB1BVN, and Joe McGrath WA1JIR, and Maurice Puente, WB1DZX, gave unselfishly of their 4 wheel drive vehicles during the blizzard and got into places where the average car could not and were of invaluable help.

Others like Scott Nacey WA1YOJ and Chad Johnson WA1YHT, got to their posts by the old 'shanks mare' way, they hoofed it.

The Southeast Asia Telecommunications Conference in Singapore January 19-21 was a rousing success with about three times the expected attendence of 300 registered, reported by FCC Chief Engineer Ray Spence, one of the Conference speakers. He had the opportunity to discuss WARC 79 preparations with a number of attendees and was very encouraged at the strong support he found in Region 3 for maintaining or even expanding the present Amateur frequency allocations.

profiles

Roger Smith W1EOA, is a quiet man, so quiet that you would hardly know that he was around, but he has been around plenty. He usually sits at the rear when we have a club meeting. That gray haired, white moustachio is that distinguished gentleman Roger.

He was born in West Harford Ct., and went through the local schools, graduating from the Kingswood school in 1929. From here he went down to, (where else for a Connecticut lad) to Yale University where he majored in Liberal Arts, graduating in the class of 1933.

After his formal education, he took up a position with the Hartford Group Insurance Company. Along came World War II and Roger enlisted in the Navy. They sent him to the electronics school in Bellevue, Md., where after graduating, was assigned to Naval Research Labs at the same QTH where he stayed for the duration of the war. Upon discharge from the Navy in 1945 he returned to his former job. Shortly after he was offered a position with the Frank Hall Insurance brokerage in Boston where he worked until his retirement a few years ago.

Roger was introduced into ham radio at a novice class held at the Wellesley Amateur Radio Club in 1955 under the teaching of "Skid" Schermerhorn, W1TTY. As the years passed, he taught classes at the club and furthered his ticket to that of Extra class. Roger likes to chase DX via the CW mode and has worked 296 countries

of which 286 have been confirmed with QSL cards.

His shack is modest, a Hallicrafters SB101 transceiver with a Hallicrafters HA-14 linear amplifier, a Heathkit keyer and all this going up to a Moseley TA-33 jr. tri-band beam. Proof to you novices that you don't have to spend thousands to have a suitable operation.

Roger and Margaret Smith have three daughters, all grown up, and three grandchildren to keep them busy.

Roger's hobbies are ham radio and stamp collecting but wont admit to being a philatelist because they are supposed to do more than just collect stamps. He is also a member of Columbian Lodge of Masons in Boston.

A few years ago, when we were looking for other sites to move to, he was very instrumental in talking to the town fathers to allow us to use the present installation which was, for us, a tremendous improvement indeed.

Though I mentioned that he is a 'quiet' man, he is only too happy to help you if you are having a problems and one of his greatest satisfactions is watching a budding novice develop into a full-fledged ham radio operator. When you see him at our meetings, walk up and introduce yourself, I'm sure he would like to meet you.

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Activities

At the first meeting in March on the 2nd, we will have Bob Bello WA1KTY, as guest speaker. He will be talking about ION implantation, the manufacturing of semi-conductors and transistors. It should be interesting to see how they fit so much into such a small package. That should whet your appetite to come to this meeting and learn more about this business.

We have been looking at various sites that may be suitable for Field Day 78 and had hoped to give a report on this but the storm tabled this quest for a week but we may have a report by the meeting date.

Planning for the auction on April 15th is also being worked on under the able direction of Kevin Kelly WA1YHV. To date we have engaged the Wellesley High School Cafeteria and are tieing up the loose ends to insure a successful venture.

The club station will be open as usual even though our Collins KWM-2 is at the

plant for a good looking into, we still have a Heath HW101 to use. We do invite y member to come up to the club room and use it within the confines of his ticket.

The Wellesley Amateur Radio Society's Novice Net is just dying away. We are not getting enough participation to warrant keeping it open. We are however hoping to eventually send out code practice first and then have the net following that but first we will have to have a suitable transceiver in order to accomplish this.

Meanwhile we have the novice class going on under the direction of Dick Weissel WA1HRV and Dick Magnanti WB1BUQ. We would like to start a General Class but to date no one has ventured forth to accept this assignment. We will continue to try to get a General Class going but in the Fall we will definitely have one going so for you novices wishing to upgrade, dont give up hope, we are still trying.

ELECTRONIC EXCHANGE

FOR SALE: Tempo One transceiver, 10 thru 80 meters with power supply. 240 watts CW and 300 watts PEP in mint condition. $450.00.
Astatic D-104 mike without preamp. $25.00
HeathKit Phone Patch HD-15 $30.00.

Any of the above contact Pete Spotts WB1BUP at 262 1595.

Astatic D-104 mike, N+2 Turner hand mike, Shure 444 mike or an Electro Voice 664 mike $25.00 and take your pick. Jim Murphy WB1BUR 289 0769.

Drake TR4C transceiver with power supply like new, $500.00.

SBE 300 transceiver digital readout, power supply and speaker, 10 through 80 meters with 500 watts PEP.

Swan 600 T and Swan 600 R twins with phone patch, vox and speaker $700.00

2 meter Drake TR33C, mike with touchtone, 10 crystals and KLM linear amplifier. $300.00.

RC 108 RA power supply to 12 watts. $75.00

Interested any of above, Jim Murphy WB1BUR

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HY-GAIN TH3 triband beam in good condition $100.00 10-15-20 meters.

Drake MN4 Matching Network $90.00

Drake MS4 Speaker $25.00

Dentron MLA 2500 2 KW linear amplifier in mint condition $400.00 160-10 mtrs.

Dentron Super super tuner. $175.00

Dentron Wattmeter $$75.00

Heath HM-2102 watt meter for 2 meters $25.
For any of the above, call Jim Murphy, WB1BUR at 289 0769.

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"The Decoder"

The following is a letter received at the club anonymously and we thought you would like to read it.

ODE TO A KETTLE DRUM OR
WHAT CODE SOUNDS LIKE AFTER TEN P.M.

As a long-suffering XYL of a 'hobby' man, who has been a golf widow from early spring to hunting time, a hunting widow until skiing time, with football, baseball and hockey tucked into any gap in between, I have to admit that I was much relieved when friend husband announced that he was going to become a ham radio operator. How nice! Doesn't everybody have a radio? I have one in my car..... fits nicely above my right knee. There's one in the bedroom .....nice boxy little thing.....fits on the corner of the night table. My daughter has one. Cute little thing screams AM-FM all day. Good! He can take his little radio and put it on the table in the den. Keep him home, maybe have conversations other than with dogs, Winchesters, skis, bindings, woods, putters, Sam Bam, etc., etc.

Albeit I'm a naive woman, and the first inkling that all was not as I imagined it would be came when he disappeared for a night up to the third floor. Long since used to this behavior, I admit my curiosity wasn't completely piqued until the seventh consecutive night. I climbed the stairs and gingerly poked my head over the railing. He stood in the middle of the room grinning like a sheep dog, completely sur-

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rounded by desks, tables, chairs and such which he had pushed together, completely lining the room. "Welcome to my Ratshack". I recoiled in horror. Rat Shack? Did it have its counter part in cat house? "Nice. Nice," I yelled, running back down the stairs. "I forgot something boiling on the stove!"

Through the ensuing weeks I learned that a Kenwood is not a Sears-Roebuck refrigerator, that 2 meters is not Italian money, and that it takes all the rest of the time between the other hobbies to become a Generally Advanced Extra, or whatever.

The one aspect of this new ordeal I found most difficult to adjust to was the "antenna". If "antenna" is singular, then what we have are "antennae", meaning many, many, many, and much more. First there was the thingo on top of the house....supported by guide wires to the neighbors trees. (I now have taken to permanently wearing dark glasses when I step outside.) And each day since I notice some new pole or wire. The latest is an un-clothed umbrella completely covering the garage roof.

Am I exasperated? Yes. Am I daunted? No. I'll show him. Come spring I'm going to take up tight-rope walking, and while I'm walking back and forth between my neighbors trees and the roof of the house, We'll be together, at least "on the wire"..... or, is it "up in the air!"???????Whatever.

All in fun,
(signed) WE/ARY

(Ed note: WE/ARY could be translated by our fine detectives as WEARY XYL!!!!!!!. To the writer, you do such a beautiful job, we would appreciate more articles for future editions of the "GAP". Thanks for taking the time to write, we needed a good laugh after this snow storm. Wonder how many XYL'S are going to take up tight-rope walking? Perhaps we should have classes as to how.....HI.) (Just to ponder a little bit further on that, should we use or not use safety nets below the wire?)

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There is a TEN TEN NET FOR NOVICES WISHING TO COLLECT NUMBERS IN ORDER TO JOIN THIS CLUB. FREQUENCY IS 28,150 KHZ SUNDAYS AT 9:00 P.M. Local time. Check in.

Calendar — AUCTIONS AND FLEA MARKET ACTIVITIES

Apr. 9 CT Pioneer Valley RPTR Auction and flea market, Newington High Scho Newington, CT. 10:00 to 3:00

Apr. 15 MA Wellesley ARS Auction Wellesley H.S. 50 Rice St., Wellesley Ma. 10 to 5 PM.

Apr. 28 MA Central Mass ARC auction, American Legion Post 341, 1023 Main St., Worcester, Ma. start 7 PM

Apr. 29 Ma Framingham ARC Flea market 10 to 3 PM Drill shed behind Fram. Police Station.

May 7 MA South Shore ARC auction and flea market Viking club, 410 Quincy Ave., (Rte 53) E. Braintree Ma. 10:00 for flea market and 2:00 for auction.

May 13 NH Horsetraders Swap-fest 9:00 AM. Deerfield Gairgrounds, Deerfield NH

May 20 RI RI-FM Rptr(16/76) 10:00 AM for flea market 1:00 PM auction. Steers Club on Waterman Lake, Greenville, R.I. I-95 to I-295 to Rte 44 West. 3.4 miles up the road.

DERRY NH SWAP NET EVERY TUESDAY 1o:00 I on 25/85.

HORSETRADERS NET. SUNDAY 4-6 PM 3940 Khz through to April.

Anyone having knowledge of auctions/flea markets not listed here, contact Ray Shoop N1CW, 13 Royal Crest Dr., Marlboro Ma. so he can get the word out.

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LATE NEW TICKET DEPT:

Undaunted Ted Robertson WB1ECL, has upgraded all the way from Technician to Advanced status. He said the mental strain was worse than the actual exam! Hi....CONGRATULATIONS TED.

FOR SALE: Tempo One transceiver with power supply, speaker and external VFO, all in mint condition. $425.00. Call Jim Murphy WB1BUR, 289 0769.

INFO for new members, if you have something to sell, or are looking for something to buy, this ELECTRONIC EXCHANG section is here for your use. No charge for this, so please take advantage of it.

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"timeout!"

By Mike Adlerstein K1FB

Having just dug my pen out of a snow bank, the thing uppermost in my mind is the superb performance of amateur radio operators in the recent record blizzard. Anyone monitoring the repeaters in the Boston area would have heard countless dedicated volunteers providing communications backup for numerous public service activities. These services were namely Civil Defense, American Red Cross, Salvation Army, local hospitals, even the National Guard which came to rely upon amatuer operators and equipment, since it was the only reliable means of communication they had.

The 96/36 repeater was among the most active machines, once again demonstrating the effectiveness of the close relationship between the Middlesex Amateur Radio Club (Newton), and the Wellesley Amateur Radio Society.

The success story really begins in 1975 when the Wellesley ARS began a search for an available channel on which to operate a 2 meter repeater for the benefit of club members and Civil Defense activities in the town of Wellesley. Alas, all the channels were taken.

At that time, the 96/36 repeater was operated exclusively by the Middlesex club which had erected this station under the trusteeship of Paul Dumais W1LJO. The repeater was, at that time, underutilized. The benefits of affiliation were evident to members of both clubs: the sharing of expenses according to an agreement between the two clubs, and expertise, influx of new operators, the binding together of two adjacent towns which shared common hospitals and highways.

Thus, an agreement was drawn wherein ownership of the repeater remained with the MARC while operating and capital improvement costs would be shared by the two clubs with Middlesex having a majority of operating costs. Members of both clubs would have unlimited access to the machine, both clubs could call it 'home'.

Yes, its been a success story. The 96/36 machine now serves more hams than ever. It has been the root of cooperation between clubs on numerous undertakings and a clear demonstration of the spirit and

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and vitality of Amateur Radio.

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One note of information in using this repeater is between transmissions, wait a moment before returning in order to let others to break in. Many of us have the bad habit of returning the second the other station stops transmitting. A little consideration here goes a long way.

De Mike Adlerstein K1FB AR

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Hereabouts...

ARRL's Lew McCoy W1ICP, is recuperating at home after having a mild heart attack. We wish you a speedy recovery Lew.

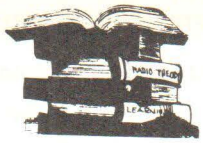
Maurice Puente WB1DZX, and his family will be visiting his parents down in El Salvador during the month of March.

George Young WA1YAU, is now using a Drake TR4CW transceiver.

EXTRA class requests for specific 1x2 or 2x2 callsigns will no longer be honored under the newly adopted rules, though they will still be able to request an unspecified 2-letter-suffixed callsign. Eventually it's planned to offer 1x3 callsigns to all holders of Advanced or Extra Class licenses who wish them, but the present process by which a 1x3 callsign holder receives a 1x3 "preferred" callsign when changing call areas is to be eliminated.

Club, RACES and Military Amateur station licenses are to be further considered under a new Notice of Proposed Rule Making on Docket 21135. Distinctive prefixes for club stations (WK) and military stations (WM) are also proposed in that NRPM, while RACESstations would continue with WC callsigns as at present. It is also being proposed that the criteria for a club station license be tightened considerably, requiring that the organization demonstrate a "compelling need" (distinctive use, past and present) for a club license before one would be issued or renewed. RACES licenses would also be reduced to only one per Civil Defense organization, not an individual trustee.

education corner



This month's education is not about our radio club but more about general knowledge about our towns background history.

In the 17th century, Needham and Wellesley were originally part of Dedham. In 1636, the Massachusetts General Court ordered that the area along the Charles River be called Dedham (this was a large tract of land extending from the Rhode Island border to the area around Weston).

In 1680, the citizens of Dedham purchased the land where Needham and Wellesley now are, from two indians (John Maugus and William Nehoiden) who claimed title to this land.

Over the next thirty years, various settlements were made, causing, in 1711 the portion of Dedham north of the Charles River to be incorporated as the town of Needham (named as such because the town which neighbors Dedham, England was called that).

In 1774, West Needham was established as a separate precinct, and, in 1881, would be incorporated as the town of Wellesley.

De George Young WA1YAU

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LATE OFFICIAL BULLETIN JUST ARRIVED AFTER OUR DEADLINE:

NR 691 from ARRL HQ FEBRUARU 9th

In their traditional role, amateurs ably supplied emergency communications during the blizzards which paralyzed the midwest and northeast during the past several weeks. QST will document the performance of amateurs who aided the communications in an upcoming issue. To maintain the completeness of our record of public service, please report your blizzard activities to the ARRL Communications Department, 225 Main St., Newington, Ct. 06111. Each amateur reported active will receive the ARRL Public Service Award soon after the QST writeup appears. AR

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Second thoughts....Beneath a street sign reading: "SCHOOL - DON'T KILL A CHILD", someone had added in a childish scrawl, "WAIT FOR A TEACHER".

MORE ELECTRONIC EXCHANGE NOTICES:

FOR SALE: Regency HR-2A 2 meter transceiver, 15 watts with crystals for 52/52 96/36 04/64 22/82 75/15 28/88 01/61 99/? 94/94 and 32.5/92.5. Asking $100.00. See Nels Anderson K1UR at 757 9308 or 17 Dean St., Worcester Ma., 01609

FOR SALE: Wilson Model 1405 walkie with touchtone mike, nicads, battery charger and fully crystalled. $400.00 or best offer. This rig is less than a year old. Call Chad Johnson WA1YHT at 235-5114.

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HEARABOUTS.....CONT'D from page 7.

Users of ARRL's Outgoing QSL Bureau will have to include an SASE along with their dollar, cards and QST mail label after March 1. Purpose of the SASE is to permit the Bureau to acknowledge receipt and dispatch of the member's cards.

FRED BRACK WB1DQR, has been transferred to Maryland. It is my understanding that he will be moving down sometime in February. At the moment I don't have his new address but will put it in the Gap as soon as I find out more particulars. Best of Luck in your new locale Fred.

ITEMS IN A CHURCH BULLETIN:

On Easter Sunday we will ask Mrs. Swanson to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.

Next Sunday afternoon there will be meetings in the north and south ends of the church. Children will be baptized at both ends.

And, with that to chuckle over, it is now time to secure for another month. We hope to see you at the meeting of March 2nd and listen to Bob Bello's talk on ION IMPLANTING.

The Gap needs someone to take up writing the Profiles Column and others to send in their ideas or what have you.

Finally, a big WELL DONE to those who helped out during the big blizzard. You upheld the code of Amateur Radio to be first in Public Service. You have a right to be proud. Thanks and 73.

Jim Hatherley

Jim Hatherley, WA1TBY
Editor, Spark Gap

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Make a note on your calendar for the convening date of the next General theory class, Tuesday, March 7 at 7:30 P.M. in the club's class room at the Intermediate Building. Instructors for the course will be Don Chesley WA1HVS, Bill Downing WA1PQY and Jim Hatherley WA1TBY. Spread the word to anyone you know is interested.

Don't forget the ski trip to Pat's Peak, Sunday, March 5th. Contact Dick Magnanti, WB1BUQ for details.

Local QRM

Pres. Don Chesley thought he'd slip another birthday by us at the Feb. 16th club meeting but this editor dosen't miss a trick. Have a happy-24th???

Hear-tell last week that Jim Hatherley, "The Boston Yankee" QSO'd with WA1ZCQ and WA1JIR all the way to Brighton from the club with his 5/8ths Mag-mount warming the back seat.

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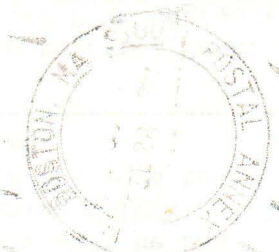

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